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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FUGITIVES IN CUBA

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REF: HAVANA 0637, BOWEN-ERICKSEN TEL CON

1. CHAIRMAN OF AIR CANADA HAS RULED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD HIJACKERS BE ALLOWED TO FLY TO CANADA ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS
WITH REGULAR PASSENGERS. ONLY OPTION WITH AIR CANADA IS THERE-
FORE CHARTER DISCUSSED BOWEN-EICKSEN TELCON. THERE WOULD
APPEAR BE THREE POSSIBILITIES:

A) CHARTER - MONTREAL-HAVANA-NYC (JFK)-MONTREAL
COST: \$11,321

B) CHARTER- MONTREAL-HAVANA-MONTREAL-PLATTSBURG
AIR FORCE BASE-MONTREAL
COST: \$12,503

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MONTREAL
COST: \$14,133

2. COSTS FOR PROVIDING SECURITY WOULD BE ADDITIONAL, AND
WILL DEPEND ON NUMBER OF AGENTS ACCOMPANYING HIJACKERS.
AIR CANADA HAS ESTIMATED COSTS AT MAXIMUM OF \$200 PER AGENT.
BASED ON 1 1/2 AGENTS PER HIJACKER, WHICH AIR CANADA SAYS IS

MINIMUM IT WILL CONSIDER, TOTAL COST FOR SECURITY FOR SIX
HIJACKERS SHOULD THEREFORE APPROXIMATE \$1,800.

3. WITH REGARD PARA 5 REFTEL, CHIEF OF SECURITY OF AIR
CANADA FORESEES NO PROBLEMS IF HIJACKERS RETURN VIA CHARTER
AIRCRAFT. IN SUCH CASE, HANDCUFFING MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY,
OR IF NECESSARY WOULD OCCUR INSIDE AIRCRAFT. WE ALSO INFORMED AIR
CANADA OF CUBAN CONCERNS AND IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING OVERT APPEARANCE
IN CUBA OF ARMED POLICE OFFICERS.

4. FOR BACKGROUND, AIR CANADA INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THEY
ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO GET HIJACKERS OUT OF CUBA, AS AIR
CANADA FEARS CUBANS WILL PROVIDE HIJACKERS WITH ALIASES
SHOULD OTHER ARRANGEMENT NOT BE WORKED OUT PROMPTLY.

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